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SUBJECT: IEA: NORWEGIAN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 56880

1. ECONOMIC COUNELOR SAW AMB RAVNE, WHO HAS TAKEN OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR IEA IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, ON MARCH 18 RE ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPHS NORWAY ADDED TO ITS STATEMENT REGARDING ITS AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH IEA. IN RESPONSE TO PRESENTATION ALONG LINES OF STATE 56880, RAVNE SAID THAT IN EARLY FEBRUARY PRIOR TO GOVERNING BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE NORWEGIAN FFFILIATION AGREEMENT, AMBASSADOR BOYESEN MET WITH SCHWEBEL, LANTZKE, SCOTT, AND DAVIGNON AND GAVE THEM FULL SIX PARAGRAPH TEXT OF NORWEGIAN STATEMENT. ACCORDING TO RAVNE, WHO WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR IEA AT THAT TIME, BOYESEN REPORTED THAT ALL, INCLUDING SCHWEBEL AND DAVIGNON, ACCEPTED THE FULL TEXT OF THE SIXTH PARAGRAPH STATEMENT.

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2. BOYESEN SUBSEQUENTLY MADE FULL SIX PARAGRAPH STATEMENT TO GOVERNING BOARD AND WAS EXTREMELY SURPRISED WHEN THE GB DOCUMENT (IEA/GB(75)8) CONTAINING THE GOVERNING BOARD DECISION ON NORWEGIAN AFFILIATION OMITTED THE FIRST PARAGRAPH AND THE FINAL TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE STATEMENT HE HAD MADE. BOYESEN ASKED AMB CRISTIENSEN TO HAVE THE DOCUMENT RE-ISSUED TO INCLUDE FULL STATEMENT.

3. RAVNE TAKES POSITION THAT HE WAS NOT AT THE FEBRUARY GB MEETING AND CANNOT COMMENT FURTHER ON WHAT HAPPENED BEYOND AMBASSADOR BOYESEN'S VERSION REPORTED ABOVE. HE FINDS IT VERY STRANGE THAT AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION HAS FAILED TO ISSUE THE FULL TEXT OF THE NORWEGIAN STATEMENT AND UNDERSTANDS THAT IEA SECRETARIAT IS NOW PREPARED TO CIRCULATE FULL STATEMENT. IF SECRETARIAT DOES NOT DO SO, NORWAY WILL CIRCULATE FULL STATEMENT ITSELF.

4. RAVNE REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION OF U.S. COMPROMISE PROPOSAL UNDER WHICH DAVIGNON WOULD CIRCULATE NORWAY'S FULL STATEMENT AND NOTE THAT THE REFERENCE IN IT TO NORWAY'S LEGISLATION AND POLICY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ASSURANCES CONTAINED IN THE NORWEGIAN STATEMENT. HE INDICATED PERSONALLY AND INFORMALLY THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE REFERENCE TO NORWEGIAN LEGISLATION AND POLICY QUALIFIED ASSURANCES CONTAINED ELSEWHERE IN STATEMENT, BUT SAID HE WAS NOT THERE WHEN STATEMENT WAS MADE AND THAT ONLY BOYESEN WHO WAS THERE, OR FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND TO WHOM BOYESEN WAS REPORTING DIRECTLY, COULD COMMENT ON THIS MATTER OR UPON WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE MEETING WITH SCHWEBEL, DAVIGNON AND OTHERS. HE WAS, HOWEVER, ADAMANT THAT IEA SECRETARIAT ISSUANCE OF INCOMPLETE STATEMENT WAS WRONG.

5. RAVNE DID SAY THAT NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID RE-OPENING TERMS OF NORWEGIAN AFFILIATION ON GROUNDS THAT DOING SO WILL INCREASE CHANCES OF ACrimonious DEBATE IN NORWAY SIMILAR TO THAT ON EEC MEMBERSHIP. RAVNE NOTES THAT INFORMATION BUREAU AGAINST NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE IEA (SEPT 1974) WITH SAME

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ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND ABOUT SAME MEMBERSHIP AS ANTI-EEC GROUP HAS BEEN SET UP AND IS CAMPAIGNING ACTIVELY AGAINST NORWEGIAN IEA PARTICIPATION. HE BELIEVES RE-OPENING STATEMENT WOULD NOT ONLY BE PROCEDURALLY INCORRECT BUT WOULD RAISE NEW QUESTIONS AND INCREASE THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT'S DIFFICULTIES IN GAINING PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF IEA PARTICIPATION.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND AND UNDER
SECRETARY ARNESEN ARE ABROAD. EMBASSY SUGGEST USOECD ATTEMPT
ASCERTAIN WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED BETWEEN BOYESE,
DAVIGNON-, SCHWEBEL, ET AL. AT FEBRUARY GB MEETING.
FUL SIX PARAGRAPH STATEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN
PUBLISHED IN NORWAY IN THE REPORT TO PARLIAMENT
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF NORWEGIAN AFFILIATION. ANY
CHANGES WILL BE NOTICED AND CAUSE DIFFICULTIES HERE,
PARTICULARLY IF THEY APPEAR IN IEA DOCUMENTATION.
EMBASSY WOULD HOPE, THEREFORE, THT COMPROMISE
WHICH WOULD MINIMIZE THIS DIFFICULTY CAN BE WORKED OUT.
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